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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA to the DCI for Compartmentation

FROM:

Deputy Chief, APEX Control Staff

SUBJECT: APEX Steering Group Meeting, 13 January 1981

1. The 50th meeting of the APEX Steering Group met on 13 January 1981. The following attended:

ACS	
OSD	Maynard Anderson
Navy	Richard Welch
	
USAF	Colonel Robert A. Shiver
DIA	
FBI	David G. Major
Army	Major William Poage
State/INR	William P. Deary
SIGINT	
CIA	
NSA	
Navy	G. L. Berkin
DIA	
Army	Major James Sewell
State	Donald Stigers
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2. The Chairman announced that there will be no Steering Group meeting on Tuesday, 20 January, because of the Government activities which will conflict. Since several members of the Steering Group had attended the NFIB meeting on 12 January, the early portion of the meeting was spent discussing the NFIB meeting and its implication for the APEX Control System. then described to the members the problem

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posed by Congressional withholding a portion of the funding for the 4C system and the efforts of the Resources Management Staff and the APEX Control Staff to request restoration of the funds. ☐

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3. The Chairman then went over the individual items from the list of transition actions approved by the NFIB:

Item A: No problem.

Item B: It was agreed that two new issue papers dealing with decompartmentation of imagery and foreign release of imagery need to be prepared. This decision generated discussion of the action to be taken with regard to the manuals now in preparation by COMIREX and the SIGINT Committee. It was generally agreed that action on the manuals should continue.

Item C: There was general agreement.

Item D: After some discussion the Chairman suggested that a new issue paper on sanitization of COMINT may be needed.

Item E: The Chairman advised that he will prepare a memorandum to the Office of General Counsel, CIA, requesting them to complete the process of coordinating the Nondisclosure Agreement with the Justice Department. Mr. Deary requested an information copy.

Item F: Considerable discussion was generated, but there appeared to be general agreement that work on the user manuals should go forward.

Item G: There was general agreement on sub-items G.1 and G.2 as stated, and the Chairman called for another paper on the subject of general accesses.

Item H: There is a Steering Group paper on this subject in existence.

Item I: The Chairman announced that he will ask the Security Committee to editorially revise the physical security standards paper to remove references to APEX and send the revised copies to NFIB. He will also ask the chairman of the Security Committee to work on common clearance forms and on mutual acceptance of access approvals.

Item J: The Chairman suggested that a new paper on information accountability for electrically processed and disseminated materials is needed and should be pursued. He proposed to have

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various concerned organizations brainstorm the problem of accountability rules for SCI. He also announced that officials of the Information Security Oversight Office will visit the APEX Control Staff on 16 January for a briefing on the need for an exception for the portion-marking rules for contractor-produced SCI. Mr. Anderson commented that it would be preferable if Executive Order 12065 could be completely rewritten. ☐

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4. ☐ read to the members a second list of official actions to facilitate the objective of improving SCI systems. The list, on which no current action is presently anticipated, was not disseminated to the members. ☐

5. ☐ raised the question of what to do about ☐ It was pointed out that while ☐ in concept, might be useful, only three possibilities for using it in the past year occurred, and none of these came to fruition. ☐ expressed the opinion to the members that the APEX Steering Group must continue to function until PD/55 is withdrawn. He expressed the belief that the Group's principal function for the time being might be to try to assemble what the principals meant when they said that they would like to keep "the good parts of APEX." He requested each member to prepare a memorandum on this topic to be submitted by 30 January and asked that the memorandum be sent through their principals if possible. ☐

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